

W. C. T. U. Column.

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W. C. T. U. WATCHWORDS:
ORGANIZE! EDUCATE! AGITATE!

W. C. T. U. PRINCIPLES:
Total Abstinence; Prohibition of the Liquor Traffic; One Standard of Morals for Men and Women; Home Protection; Equal Suffrage; and the Teaching of Scientific Temperance in Public Schools.

"Back to the Bible" Hastens the March "On to Washington."

Mrs. Stevens' marching order, "On to Washington," while timely and feasible, smacks of the military, of the forceful, the compulsory. The stress of the times, however, justifies many assertions and stamps as valid many enterprises, which heretofore might have invited only criticism and condemnation. The W. C. T. U. has come up through varied experiences, as any other educative and reformatory medium; it has kept abreast of the times in its methods. As an organization of women it proclaimed its mission and launched its tiny bark upon a choppy sea amidst sneers and unjust denunciations. It has withstood many discouragements until now it is recognized as a world-wide factor in promulgating temperance reform. Its educative features are appreciated and its inspiration and untold stimulation to woman's awakening is evident. The permanency of these accomplishments have been made possible by the fact that the organization is founded upon the Bible and Christian principles.

Otherwise its existence would, most certainly, have been brief, and its effect upon the race lost.

The letter "C," as emblazoned upon its banners, is the Union's strength, and by this sign it will continue to conquer. Hence the military command, "On to Washington" is legitimate in that ours is a fight between the powers of light and darkness. And if not to Washington, the heart of our nation from whence her life blood surges, then where? The temperance spirit has passed the swaddling clothes' limit, and the twentieth century is witnessing marvelous growth and expansion of her energy. Her past efforts have been stepping stones to greater achievements. Towns, counties, states, have yielded to her dictation and national prohibition is the coveted goal towards which coming events are casting their shadows. Such a dream was not, a few years since, even among the possibilities. But to-day it enters the horoscope of probabilities. Yet in our conflicts let us not forget to go back to the Bible for discipline. The Generals, especially, should keep in touch with the Divine—should be electrified with this magnet of power. They are marshaling for the march of aggression; they are planning the campaigns; they are husbanding their ammunition; they are making ready for action, and the still, small voice whispers "that the race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong," and "not by might nor power, but by my spirit," saith the Lord. We must not be intemperate in our speech for temperance, and as Holy Writ decrees temperance in all things, we, as subjects of this command, must submit our Rulership to Omnipotence.

Drinking Officials Stumbling Blocks

President Jordan of Leland Stanford University, recently said: "The time is coming when politics will be the only profession open to the intemperate man. Railroads, steamships, and business men won't have him."

Slowly but surely the "boozy" official is being weeded out, along with the drinking athletic, railroad man, naval and military cadet, bank clerk and skilled mechanic. One candidate for the presidency has been eliminated by a cocktail. Another has taken pains to publish his temperance principles. Only a few years ago the principal duty of a candidate was to pass around the drinks.

The notorious salutation of the Governor of North Carolina to the Governor of South Carolina, "It's a long time between drinks," received another hard jar at the Jamestown Exposition. The Governor of Connecticut introduced the two Carolina Governors. As they were shaking hands, Governor Woodruff, of Connecticut, remarked, "We are waiting to hear the characteristic Southern invitation repeated." Governor Ansel, of South Carolina, replied, "Your Excellency, as I am a prohibition governor and a teetotaler, I cannot consistently give it." And Governor Glenn, of North Carolina, added, "And being a prohibitionist myself, I, too, must suffer the remark to remain a matter of history."

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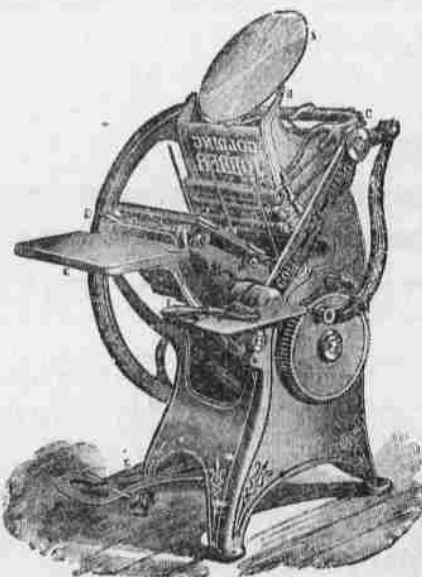
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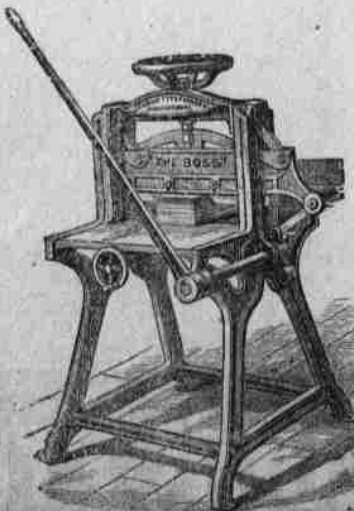
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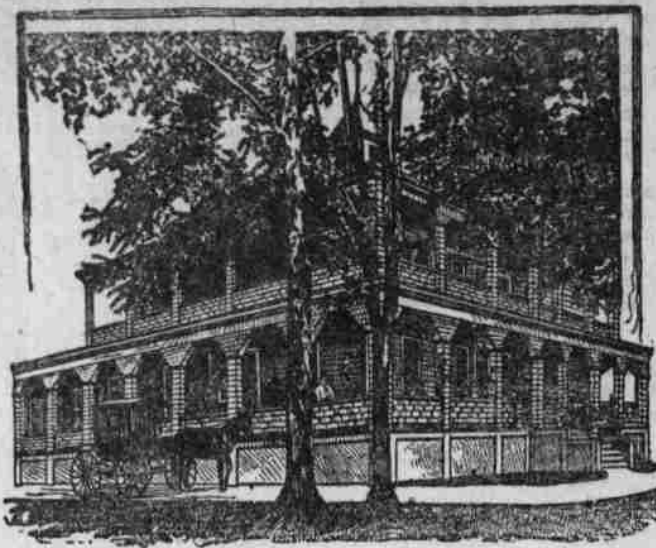
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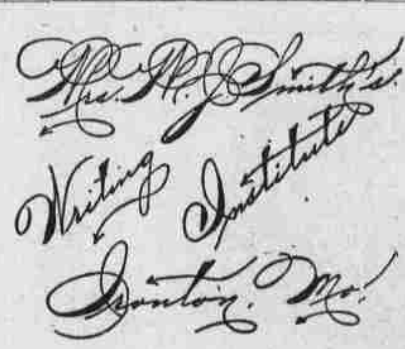
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